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1. AS INDICATED IN PARA TWO OF THE REFTEL, THE PAO MET WITH PASTECKA ON JAN 25 AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SHE MAINTAINED THAT THE POLISH DELEGATION WOULD LIMIT ITSELF TO VERY BROAD REVIEW OF POLIS/AMERICAN CULTURAL/INFORMATIONAL EXCHANGES. WHEN PRESSED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, SHE ADDED THAT THE MAIN GOP CONCERN WAS THE ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS THIS YEAR TO COMMEMORATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PPR. THEREFORE, THE DELEGATION WOULD REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE "POLAND TODAY" EXHIBIT PLANNED FOR CHICAGO, "AMONG OTHER THINGS". SHE WAS DELIBERATELY VAGUE ON THE OTHER EVENTS THE GOP HAD IN MIND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

2. PASTECKA ALSO STATED THE TEAM WOULD SEEK AMERICAN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE EXPANSION OF POLISH CULTURAL/INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE US. THIS WOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, DISCUSSIONS OF EXHIBITS, BOOK TRANSLATIONS, FILM AND TELEVISION PLACEMENT, CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS, POLISH STUDIES AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES, AND THE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICANS ABOUT POLAND.

3. VISITS TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS. PASTECHA SAID THE POLISH EMBASSY HAD FORWARDED TO THE MFA THE DEPARTMENT'S INQUIRY
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WHETHER THE DELEGATION WISHED TO MMET WITH EDUCATIONAL OR OTHER

INSTITUTIONS DURING ITS VISIT. SHE SAID WIEJACZ WAS INFORMED THAT THE POLISH SIDE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS STAGE WHETHER VISITS OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENTAL FRAME WORK WOULD BE USEFUL AND THAT, PERHAPS, THIS COULD BE DETERMINED DURING THE FIRST DAY OF DISCUSSIONS.

4. PACTECKA ALSO REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR LAST-MINUTE VISA ISSUANCE TO ALTERNATE MEMBER OF POLISH TEAM SHOULD KONOPACKI BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL. SHE SAID THE PERSON, STILL UNKNOWN, WOULD BE FROM MFA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND CULTURAL COOPERATION. PAO PROMISED EMBASSY WOULD FACILITATE VISA ISSUANCE, IF NECESSARY.
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